(ख) गैस को जलाये जाने के मुख्य कारण निम्नलिखित हैं :—

(1) बम्बई हाई क्षेत्र और पश्चिमी तटवर्ती क्षेत्र में संपीडन, संसाधन और परिवहन की सुविधाओं का पर्याप्त न होना ।

(2) पूर्वी क्षेत्र में डाउनस्ट्रीम प्रयोक्ताओं में कमी ।

(ग) तेल एवं प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग ने बम्बई हाई क्षेत्र में संबद्ध प्राकृतिक गैस को जलाने से रोकने के लिए एक वरियता परियोजना तैयार की है जिसमें बम्बई हाई क्षेत्र में अतिरिक्त संपीड़न, संसाधन और परिवहन सुविधाओं को बनाने की परिकल्पना की गई है । यह परियोजना सरकार के विचाराधीन है ।

Release of Additional Diesel for Agricultural Sector

205. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:
DR. Z. A. AHMAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently released an addional 42 thousand metric tonnes of diesel to the agricultural sector;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of diesel allocated to each State for the purpose;

(c) whether the additional allot ment of diesel has shown any impact on the demand for diesel by this sector;

(d) if so, to what extent; and

(e) what other steps are being taken by Government to ensure that farmers do not face any difficulty in getting enough diesel for agricultural purposes?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SAT-YA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir. The *Government* have recently released an additional 41,800 MTHSD to various States during February, 1991 for the agricultural sector.

(b) Statewise break up of quanti ties released to 17 states is given in the statement attached.

(c) to (e) State Governments have been advised from time to time to record priority for meeting the re quirements of agriculture sector and different States have introduced diff erent methods for doing so Oil Com panies have also been instructed to accord priority for meeting agricul tural demand in consultation with the State Governments. The addi tional release of diesel for agricul ture in February, 1991 is expected to provided substantial relief to the farmers.

Statement

(Figures in Metric tonnes)

S. No.	State	Quantities
1	Andhra Pradesh	2100
2	Assam	500
3	Bihar	1800
4	Gujarat	2000

5	Jammu & Kashmir	200
6	Himachal Pradesh	300
7	Haryana	1900
8-	Karnataka	1400
9	Kerala	1100
10	Madhya Pradesh	1600
11	Maharashtra	3200
12	Orissa	600
13	Punjab	4100
14	Rajasthan	1800
15	Tamilnadu	2600
16	Uttar Pradesh Pardesh	*12400*
17	West Bengal	4200

Oil deposits in West Bengal

206. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

. (a) whether Government have received any report to the effect that oil-deposits in West Bengal are in the nature of oil deposits in Saudi
Arabia which need deep drilling using high technology; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SAT-YA PRAKASH MALAV.IYA): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. A paper written by Shri Pradeep Das Gupta, Head of the Department of Geology, Presidency College, Calcutta had been re-' ceived ' by Government. Government had sought the views of ONGC on Shri Das Gupta's interpretation of the geolpgy of West Bengal. ONGC may hold further discussions with Shri Das Gupta.

उत्तर प्रदेश में सोनभद्र जिले के रेणुकूट नगर में एल०पी०जी० गैस की सुविधा प्रदान करना

207. **श्रीमती मीरा दास :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और रसायन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश के सोनभद्र जिले के रेणुकूट नगर में एल०पी०जी० की डिस्ट्रिब्यूटरशिप के आवंटन में विलम्ब के क्या कारण हैं और उस क्षेत्र के लोगों को कब तक एल०पी०जी० की सुविधा प्रदान कर दी जायेगी ;

(ख) क्या सरकार रेणुकूट को एल० पी०जी० की सुविधा मिलने तक वहां के निवासियों को राबर्टसगंज के निकटवर्ती डीलर के गैस की सप्लाई कराने का विचार रखती है ; और